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By House Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy
(originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Crouse, Wood,
Morris, Grant, Schoesler, Quall, Ruderman and Mielke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of biodiesel; and adding new sections to
2 chapter 43.19 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature recognizes that:

7 (1) Biodiesel is less polluting than petroleum diesel;

8 (2) Using biodiesel in neat form or blended with petroleum diesel
9 significantly reduces air toxics and cancer-causing compounds as well
10 as the soot associated with petroleum diesel exhaust;

11 (3) Biodiesel degrades much faster than petroleum diesel;

12 (4) Biodiesel is less toxic than petroleum fuels;

13 (5) The United States environmental protection agency's new
14 emission standards for petroleum diesel that take effect June 1, 2006,
15 will require the addition of a lubricant to ultra-low sulfur diesel to
16 counteract premature wear of injection pumps; and

17 (6) Biodiesel provides the needed lubricity to ultra-low sulfur
18 diesel.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) All state agencies are encouraged to use a fuel blend of twenty
4 percent biodiesel and eighty percent petroleum diesel for use in
5 diesel-powered vehicles and equipment.

6 (2) Effective June 1, 2006, for agencies complying with the ultra-
7 low sulfur diesel mandate of the United States environmental protection
8 agency for on-highway diesel fuel, agencies shall use biodiesel as an
9 additive to ultra-low sulfur diesel for lubricity. The amount of
10 biodiesel added to the ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel shall be not less
11 than two percent.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The definitions in this section apply throughout sections 1 and 2
15 of this act unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

16 (1) "Biodiesel" means a mono alkyl ester of long chain fatty acids
17 derived from vegetable oils or animal fats for use in compression-
18 ignition engines and that meets the requirements of the American
19 society of testing and materials specification D 6751 in effect as of
20 January 1, 2003.

21 (2) "Ultra-low sulfur diesel" means petroleum diesel in which the
22 sulfur content is not more than thirty parts per million.

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